

# WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

## Kansas Immunization Program

April 17, 2019

### VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. at 785-296-5592.



## CHIEF CHAT

As noted in the [Special Alert sent on Tuesday, April 9, 2019](#), the annual Kansas Vaccines For Children (VFC) provider enrollment is open. All current VFC providers should submit the requested documents to the Kansas Immunization Program (KIP) by May 1. This will assure validation of information and that all signatures are completed by the closing of enrollment on May 8. Any provider who has not completed this process by the closing of enrollment is subject to suspension from the VFC program.

As always, our goal at the KIP is supporting providers in being successful. If you are having any issues with completing the enrollment process, please contact the help desk at 877-296-0464, [kdhe.immunizationregistry@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.immunizationregistry@ks.gov) or contact your Regional Immunization Consultant.

Immunize Action Coalition (IAC) recently revised "[Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)" and "[Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Vaccines for Adults](#)." Changes were made to add absence of a spleen, a cochlear implant, complement component deficiency, or a spinal fluid leak as conditions for which live attenuated influenza vaccine is

not recommended, the addition of aspirin as a precaution to varicella vaccine, and a new reference for immunosuppressive immune modulators.

IAC also recently revised its "[Guide to Contraindications and Precautions to Commonly Used Vaccines](#)" (which covers vaccines for children and adults) and "[Guide to Contraindications and Precautions to Commonly Used Vaccines in Adults](#)." The former title covers both child and adult vaccines. Changes were made to add precautions for a) interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) testing for MMR, b) family history of seizures for MMRV, and c) use of aspirin for varicella. In addition, footnotes were added for HPV vaccine and pregnancy and for live attenuated influenza vaccine for people with functional or anatomic asplenia, complement component deficiency, cochlear implant, or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak.

Visit [CDC's updated NIW website](#) to find promotional and educational materials to help you plan your National Infant Immunization Week (NIW) activities including those in the [2019 Digital Media Toolkit](#), and tailor them to the needs of your community.



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# INJECTION OF EDUCATION

Webinars not only provide required continuing education credits, they can also provide training for new staff or can be a refresher course for all staff. There are many different opportunities for obtaining those needed credits, but we have listed a few options below that are available free of charge. Even if you don't need the continuing education credits, webinars can keep you up-to-date on current topics, refresh your knowledge on topics you may be familiar with, and just might provide a new way to say or do daily tasks.

The Kansas Immunization Program – Knowledge Injection Series (KIP-KIS) is offered on the third Thursday of each month from 12-1 p.m. Each webinar will provide vaccine related topics such as vaccine safety, hesitancy, vaccine storage and handling, and vaccine administration to name just a few. Each month will feature a different subject matter expert. Watch the [What's Happening Wednesday](#) email newsletter for topic and registration information.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers a wide variety of webinars. Not all are vaccine-related, so if your job requires more than just vaccine administration, you should review their courses to see which will meet your needs. [CDC Train](#) offers thousands of free online opportunities. [Immunization Courses: Webcasts and Self Study](#) offers vaccine related topics such as best practices, and several different courses on HPV. If you are looking for more information on a specific disease or specific vaccine recommendations and vaccine schedules, the CDC's [You Call the Shots Web-Based Training Courses](#) offers separate webinars for each vaccine preventable disease.

## Influenza Surveillance

### April 17, 2019



The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ( $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending April 6, ILINet sites reported 1.9% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 2.5% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI. All data is subject to change. Influenza A/H3 activity has increased in Kansas during the past few weeks. The Kansas Department of Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) has detected A/H3 in 149 specimens, A/H1 in 65 specimens, influenza A (not subtyped) in three specimens and one influenza B (Victoria) specimen. Thirty-two influenza outbreaks have been reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment this season. As a reminder, outbreaks of any disease are reportable and should be reported to the epidemiology hotline at 877-427-7317. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.

**2019 Kansas VFC Annual Enrollment is in process. [Click here](#) for information. Submit by May 1.**





## Kansas Immunization Program - Knowledge Injection Series (KIP-KIS)



### **Vaccine Safety**

**April 18, 2019**

**12:00 P.M.**

**Presenter: Daniel Salmon, PhD, MPH**  
**Institute of Vaccine Safety Director**  
**John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**

During his tenure, Salmon has led the expansion of the Institute's [website](#), a trusted resource for parents and professionals across the world. The site offers information on associations between potential adverse events and routine immunization in the United States. In addition to summarizing the scientific literature and providing causality assessments, the site links to supplemental information about specific adverse events.

Before joining the Institute, Salmon was the Director of Vaccine Safety in the [National Vaccine Program Office](#) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As director, he coordinated, evaluated and provided leadership for federal vaccine safety programs. During the 2009-10 H1N1 influenza pandemic, he oversaw the federal

vaccine safety monitoring program — the most comprehensive vaccine safety monitoring effort in U.S. history.

Salmon's work focuses on optimizing the prevention of childhood infectious diseases through the use of vaccines. He currently studies issues around post-licensure vaccine safety and the factors associated with parental decisions to vaccinate, or not vaccinate, their children. This work fits nicely with the Institute's mission to provide an independent assessment of vaccines and vaccine safety to help guide decision makers and educate physicians, the public and the media about key issues surrounding the safety of vaccines.

#### **Educational Objectives:**

1. Discuss the importance of vaccine safety in the context of mature immunization programs.
2. Identify the strengths and limitations of the many processes to ensure vaccines are very safe throughout a product lifecycle.

Continuing education credit will be available.

For more information and to complete advanced registration, [click here](#).



# Vaccine Resources From National Organizations

## Updated Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit

The [Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#) is a comprehensive guide that reflects best practices for vaccine storage and handling from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, product information from vaccine manufacturers, and scientific studies. The toolkit has been redesigned for 2019 to help health care providers find the information they need quickly and easily. Revisions include:

- A reorganized layout with color-coded sections to help better navigate the toolkit
- Updated job aids and resource documents
- Updated visuals for vaccine storage and handling recommendations and best practices
- Clarifying language on CDC recommendations versus best practices

## Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (Pink Book) Land Based Course — May 2019

Faculty from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases will present a live, comprehensive review of immunization principles, as well as vaccine-preventable diseases and the recommended vaccines to prevent them. The 2.5-day course will feature the most up-to-date immunization information from the ACIP.

The course is designed for anyone seeking the most comprehensive and current knowledge of

immunization, including physicians, nurses, medical assistants, pharmacists, immunization providers, program managers and staff, and nursing and medical students. Participants should have a basic understanding of biology and immunization.

The course will be held on May 28-30 in Atlanta, GA, at the CDC Roybal campus. The course is free to attend and 14 hours of free continuing education is available. The registration deadline is May 1. For more information, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/meetings-conferences>

## New Pneumococcal Vaccination App

CDC has launched a new pneumococcal vaccination app, PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor, for iOS and Android mobile devices. Take the confusion and stress out of interpreting pneumococcal vaccine recommendations. Use this app to quickly and easily determine which pneumococcal vaccines a patient needs and when. Simply enter a patient's age and note if the patient has specific underlying medical conditions. After answering questions about the patient's pneumococcal vaccination history, you'll receive patient-specific guidance consistent with ACIP's recommended immunization schedule. The app incorporates recommendations for all ages, so internists, family physicians, pediatricians, and pharmacists will all find the tool beneficial. Visit the [app web page](#) for additional

## WHO resource on how to handle vaccine deniers in public

This resource document "[Responding to Vaccine Deniers](#)" provides basic broad principles and knowledge for program managers and other health officials on how to respond to vocal vaccine deniers.



## 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference

We are pleased to announce that the hotel contracts have been signed and room blocks are now available at seven hotels in Salina for the 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference. Please see the chart below for a list of hotels and details related to number of rooms in our block, room rate and deadline for guaranteed rate. Note that rooms will book quickly in Salina, particularly for the last night as the annual River Festival will follow our conference. When booking, please mention the Kansas Immunization Conference to get the rate listed.

Hotel	Rooms	Rate	Deadline	Phone
Hilton Garden Inn	10	\$132	5/9/2019	785-309-0440
Country Inn and Suites	43	\$82	6/1/2019	785-827-1271
Hampton Inn	90	\$129	5/27/2019	785-823-9800
Holiday Inn Salina	5	\$129.99 Doubles	5/11/2019	785-404-6767
Holiday Inn Salina	35	\$94 King	5/11/2019	785-404-6767
Holiday Inn Express	30	\$94	5/10/2019	785-404-3300
Candlewood Suites	20	\$85 Singles	5/13/2019	785-823-6939
Candlewood Suites	10	\$94 Doubles	5/13/2019	785-823-6939
Courtyard by Marriott	15	\$129	5/5/2019	785-309-1300


2019 KANSAS IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

# VACCINES CAUSE ADULTS

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Department of Health  
and Environment

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
KU Area Health Education Center  
(620) 235-4040  
Brochure to follow.



# KAFP Annual Meeting offers valuable CME for your practice

June 6-8, 2019 | Wichita, Kansas



**Connect. Interact. Learn.**

**Annual Meeting | June 6-8, 2019  
Wichita, Kansas**

Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) invites you to the 2019 KAFP Annual Meeting: "Connect. Interact. Learn." It will be held June 6-8 at the Wichita Marriott. This is your opportunity to network with fellow family physicians, participate in Academy business, and earn up to 20.5 CME credits. KAFP is pleased to offer a pre-conference session "MAT Waiver Training" on June 5, free for KAFP members and only \$50 for non-members. Register for the MAT Waiver training with your Annual Meeting registration [\[click here\]](#) or as a separate event [\[click here\]](#). Visit [www.kafponline.org/annualmeeting/](http://www.kafponline.org/annualmeeting/) for Annual Meeting schedule, registration and more!

**June 5 | 1 – 5:30 p.m.**

Pre-Conference Session:  
MAT Waiver Training

**June 6-8**

KAFP Annual Meeting  
Connect. Interact. Learn.  
Wichita Marriott, Wichita, KS

CME sessions encompass social determinants of health, wound care, smart technology with children, long acting reversible contraception, POCUS, prostate cancer, COPD, obesity, diabetes, pediatrics, lupus and more. [View the full schedule here.](#)

Please contact the KAFP office at 316-721-9005 or email [kafp@kafponline.org](mailto:kafp@kafponline.org) with questions about the meeting or registration. We hope you will join us to Connect. Interact. Learn!

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*This Live activity, Kansas-AFP 2019 Annual Meeting, with a beginning date of June 5, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 20.50 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.*

**Click here to [register today!](#)**